

I am highly disturbed by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. One of those stations is KMWB, WB 23 in St. Paul, Minnesota -- a station that I watch on occasion.

Sinclair's policy is disturbing because it amplifies the dangers of media consolidation. One media mogul can literally blanket much of the nation with partisan programming over public airwaves at a key time in the election process. This is a clear attempt to circumvent the spirit of the law, not to mention a disgusting act of political favoritism at the expense of all taxpayers.

I am upset that Sinclair is taking political advantage of its free use of public airwaves. This is not in keeping with its obligation by law to serve the public interest.

I am asking for two courses of action. First, I urge you to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. And second, I would like to challenge KMWB, WB 23's license renewal because they have not served the public interest in St. Paul.

Thank you,

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